

La Bandera de Mexico



The coat of arms includes an eagle, perched on a cactus, with a snake in its beak.

Currency: 1 New Mexican peso (Mex\$) = 100 centavos
The new peso replaced the old peso on Jan. 1, 1993. 1 new peso = 1,000 old pesos

Literacy Rate: 88%

Exports: Petroleum, motor vehicles, cotton, coffee, minerals, engines

Official language: Spanish
(Various Mayan and Nahuatl dialects also spoken)

Major Religion: Roman Catholic

National Sports: Soccer, bullfighting

Estados Unidos Mexicanos (United Mexican States)

Capital: Mexico City

Area: 761,602 sq miles (Slightly less than three times the size of Texas)

Population: 95 million

Ethnic Divisions:

60%	Mestizo (Spanish/Amerindian mix)
30%	Amerindian
9%	Caucasian (European ancestry)
1%	Other

Important Cities: Mexico City, Puebla, Oaxaca, Mérida, Guadalajara, Veracruz, Monterrey, Ciudad Juárez

Geographic Regions:

North:	Dry, hot desert-like conditions
West:	Sierra Madre Occidental mountain range
East:	Sierra Madre Oriental mountain range
Central:	High plateau containing Mexico City
South:	Mountainous, jungle-like conditions
Southeast:	Yucatán Peninsula

Major Rivers: Río Bravo del Norte, Río Colorado, Lerma-Santiago river system (supplies Mexico City)

Important Figures: Benito Juárez, Father Miguel Hidalgo, Porfirio Díaz, Diego Rivera, Octavio Paz, Frida Kalo, Rufino Tamayo

Highest Peak: Volcán Pico de Orizaba (17,100ft)